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RE: U.S. Reissue Application for U.S. Patent No.: 09/502,534
Title: Inspecting Optical Masks With Electron Beam Microscopy
Filed: February 10, 2000
Inventor: Dan Meisburger, Paul Sandland, Alan D. Brodie, Zhong-Wei Chen, Jack Y. Jau, Richard Simmons, Dave E. A. Smith, Hans Dohse, Dennis G. Emge, John Greene
Our Ref.: 4765 (22120-04765)

U.S. Reissue Application for U.S. Patent No.: 09/502,120
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Dear Sir:

You may be aware that KLA-Tencor recently filed a "Request for Reissue" for the above-referenced patents. You are listed as an inventor on at least one of these reissue applications. Copies of these reissue applications are enclosed.

Please review the enclosed reissue applications, paying special attention to the claims (which provide the legal definition of the invention) and let us know by June 30, 2000, if you think that either of the applications fail to name the correct inventors for the claimed inventions. An inventor is a person who contributed to the invention of the subject matter of at least one claim.

In addition this letter is a reminder of your duty, under Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a), to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) any information you are aware of that is material to the examination of this patent application.

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We request that you send such information to us as soon as possible for review and, if necessary, filing in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office. The rest of this letter explains your duty in greater detail.

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How Long Does The Duty Of Disclosure Last? The duty of disclosure is an ongoing duty throughout the pendency of the patent application. Accordingly, if you become aware of any material information at any time before the patent issues, you should promptly forward it to us for timely submission to the USPTO.

Please contact me at (650) 858-7152 if you have any questions or comments regarding this or other matters.

Sincerely,
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